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Y-12 – Why It's Important

The Congress created the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in March, 2000. By creating this new administration, Congress made clear the need for a strong nuclear weapons production and research and development program.

NNSA is the single agency in the U.S. responsible for providing the Nation with nuclear warheads and ensuring that these weapons remain, safe, secure and reliable.

As one of the NNSA's major production facilities, Y-12 will continue to be the site for enriched uranium processing and storage and one of the primary manufacturing facilities for maintaining the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile.

There is no other NNSA facility that can do what Y-12 does.

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